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Letter dated 24 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on the recognition of Georgia, issued at Lisbon and Brussels on 23 March 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement on the recognition of the Republic of Georgia, issued by the European Community and its member States on 23 March 1992

The Community and its member States welcome the assurances expressed by Georgia with a view to fulfilling the requirements contained in the declaration on the "Guidelines on the recognition of the new states in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union", adopted by the Community and its member States on 16 and 31 December 1991. They are, thus, ready to proceed with the recognition of Georgia.

The Community and its member States note with satisfaction that all the republics of the former Soviet Union have now committed themselves to the above-mentioned guidelines.

With regard to Georgia, they welcome in particular:

The acceptance of international obligations and of the commitments outlined in the United Nations Charter and the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris and all other documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, especially with regard to the rule of law, democracy and human rights;

The guarantee of the rights of ethnic and national groups and minorities in accordance with the commitments subscribed to within the CSCE framework;

Gerogia's commitment to recognize and respect the inviolability of all borders, which can only be changed by peaceful means and by common agreement;

The commitment to settle by agreement, including where appropriate, by recourse to arbitration, all issues concerning state succession and regional disputes;

The acceptance of all relevant commitments with regard to disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation, as well as to security and regional stability as a non-nuclear weapon state.